

FISCAL NOTE
SB 1982 - HB 2113

March 11, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the State Board of Education to include issues related to violence that affect children when developing frameworks and curricula to be taught at appropriate grade levels kindergarten through grade 12. Public schools would be required to utilize a course of instruction to teach students how to reduce violence, report violence, and diminish the impact of violence on victims.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$50,000 One-Time
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - \$580,000 One-Time
\$4,104,000 Recurring*

Assumptions:

- Because a portion of the required curriculum content is not currently contained in the framework, some development work would be necessary. The Department of Education would use contractual services to develop the curriculum content at an estimated one-time cost of \$50,000.
- Since LEAs are not currently prepared or trained to deliver all of the identified curriculum content, initial in-service or professional development would be required. Therefore, professional development would be required for approximately 58,000 teachers at a cost of \$10 each.
- A smaller LifeSkills student manual would need to be developed, printed and distributed to 912,000 students each year. At a bulk price of \$4.50 each, the cost to distribute the booklet to all K-12 students each year is estimated to be \$4,104,000.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director